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20 Good all wool Jackets, reduced from \$10, \$12.50 and \$15 each....
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All our latest styles 36, 40 and 44 inch coats, that were \$12, \$12.50, \$13.50, \$14.00 and \$15.00 each, for \$10.00 ea. \$18.00 garments for \$12.50. \$21.00 garments for \$15.00. \$25.00 garments for \$17.50.

CHILDREN'S CLOAKS MARKED WAY DOWN.

FUR MUFFS AND CAPES cut in same proportion. We expect AN INTERESTING TIME in our CLOAK ROOM tomorrow and hope you will be there to help share the benefit.

The Mills-Flower-Adams Co.

WASHBURN NOTES.

Miss Eliza Foster of Burlington visited friends in Ottawa.

Miss Emma Pixley of Wamego is attending the teachers' meetings.

Strong, Axtell and W. S. Belden are busy about the teachers' meeting.

Messrs. Axtell, Strong and Polk held a series of meetings in Strong City.

The Messrs. Steinfort visited friends in Lawrence before returning to Ottawa.

Miss Ella Scott of Burlington had a very pleasant visit with friends in Paola.

Miss Maud Fulkerson, instructor of modern language, is attending the teachers' meetings.

Prof. Frank, principal of the academy, is in charge of Washburn headquarters at the state house.

Washburn defeated Midland, 42-0. Now Midland beats Frankfort, 54-0. Where is Frankfort?

At Washburn headquarters in representative hall, each visitor is presented with a souvenir '94 Mid-Continent.

Gould & Adams have received a copy of every college daily paper published in America. There are ten in all. Harvard heads the list with two dailies.

EXCURSION TO TEXAS.

ROCK ISLAND ROUTE.

On January 15 we will sell round-trip tickets to all points in Texas at one lowest first-class fare plus two dollars. Ticket will be good for return within 20 days with stop-over privileges. For further information, tickets, etc., call on or address H. O. GARVEY, City Ticket Agent, 601 Kansas avenue, WASHINGTON & CHURCH.

Or depot, corner First street and Kansas avenue.

Too Late!

About two thousand sample Handkerchiefs—all kinds—sent us for Christmas, arrived too late. You will find them on sale now at our counters at less than wholesale prices. Also about fifteen dozen sample Kid Gloves, worth from one dollar to dollar and quarter pair, for sixty-nine cents. Every pair warranted. Come quick if you want gloves or handkerchiefs now or any time soon. It's a rare snap.

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NEWS OF KANSAS.

Directors of K. O. C. & S. W. Meet at Arkansas City.

All the Preliminaries for Commencing Work Arranged.

OTHER STATE NEWS.

A Boy Desperado's Bold Exploits at Atchison Stopped.

ARKANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—The following directors and officers of the Kansas, Oklahoma Central & Southwestern railroad are in the city.

President, Robert Martin, Guthrie; treasurer, P. S. Hollingsworth, Independence; attorney, S. M. Porter, Caney; and directors, J. R. Clark, Stillwater; James P. Seales, El Reno; R. W. Logan, Vernon, Texas; J. W. Bartles, Bartlesville.

One object of the meeting of the company was to hear the report of President Martin and Attorney Porter on their visit to London and Amsterdam, where they recently went to secure the money for the building of the road. President Martin's report was very favorable, and he induced moneyed men in London to take a hold. They sent an engineer here who has gone over the proposed line, returned to England, made his report, and the syndicate there sent the company here the report of its investigation.

President Martin says that the K. O. C. & S. W. is now in good shape, to be constructed at an early date. The road is to be built from Caneyville to Caney, then to Bartlesville, I. T. Pawhuska, Pawnee City, Stillwater, Guthrie, El Reno and then to Vernon, Texas, covering a distance of 450 miles. The surveying is completed; also a profile of the road; the grade established; right of way secured; arrangements almost completed for the money for the construction and in a very short time everything will be in readiness for the letting of contracts for the building of the road. It is thought now that work will be commenced by early spring.

A 12-YEAR-OLD DESPERADO.

An Atchison Boy Who Held People Up With a Pistol.

ATCHISON, Dec. 28.—Charles Frazier, a 12-year-old boy, who is better known as "Missouri Charlie," is in jail, and will be sent to the reform school because of his desperado proclivities. Money did not come in fast enough and Frazier decided to try holding people up. He secured an old musket, a revolver, and a week ago stopped Noah Johnson, a colored bootblack, in the dark, and actually secured a small sum of money. The police tried to capture Frazier, but he evaded them. Christmas eve Frazier attempted to hold up a man named J. R. Morgan, who grabbed the musket and turned the young desperado over to the police. Yesterday he escaped from the police station. A colored policeman caught him and attempted to take him to the police station, but he resisted, saying he would never let a negro arrest him. The patrol wagon was sent for.

To Improve the Orphans' Home.

ATCHISON, Dec. 28.—The state board of public works is in Atchison to investigate the advisability of erecting three cottages at the Soldiers' Orphans' home and making other improvements, which will involve an expenditure of \$100,000. It is understood that Superintendent Paulkner is to prepare a bill asking the legislature for an appropriation to cover the cost of the contemplated buildings. The board will recommend the appropriation.

Son Dead, Father Badly Burned.

EMPORIA, Dec. 28.—Hugh, the 11-year-old son of Howell Williams, living nine miles south of here, was burned to death yesterday morning. It is supposed that he had been playing with the fire in the store. In attempting to put out the flames Mr. Williams was himself terribly burned and at last accounts was in a dangerous condition.

Knocked Down by a Burglar.

FORT SALER, Dec. 28.—Tuesday afternoon William Peyton, the 15-year-old son of George Peyton, a farmer living one mile east of Hammond, was brutally assaulted in his father's home by a burglar. He was entering the house when he was struck over the eye with a heavy club.

Turners to Build in Atchison.

ATCHISON, Dec. 28.—The Turner society of Atchison at a meeting Wednesday night adopted plans for a new hall, which will cost \$40,000. Work will be begun as soon as possible.

ROCK ISLAND ROUTE.

Excursion Announcements.

For particulars inquire at the office. Holiday excursion rates, one and one-third fare for the round trip, distance 200 miles. Tickets on sale December 22, 23, 24, 25, 31 and January 1, good to return including January 2.

We sell tickets to any place on earth and check baggage to destination. City office, 601 Kansas avenue; postoffice, North Topeka; passenger station, Kansas avenue and First street.

We run fully equipped vestibuled trains that compare favorably with any run from Topeka.

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ARTISTS IN CHAPPED HANDS.

One of the Devices Used by Beggars to Get Money From the Charitable.

A very pitiable object he looked as he stood in the entrance to the elevated railroad stairs at Twenty-eighth street. His form was bent, his face pale, his eyes closed, as if in blindness, and he covered close to the wall to escape the cold rain that was driving in before the fierce wind. A box hung about his neck containing his wares—pencils—and he held a bunch of these in hands that shook as if with palsy and showed seams and cracks apparently bleeding from being chapped by the cold and wet.

"Buy a pencil," he whined. "Help a poor old man with a few pennies."

A lady and a gentleman entered the station, and as the plea of the wretch reached her ears the lady stopped and took out her pocketbook.

"Here, my man," she said, dropping a dime into his outstretched hand.

"Never mind the pencil. I don't want it. Just see how his hands are chapped from the cold, poor fellow," she added, turning to her companion.

"Yes, I see," replied the gentleman, leaning forward and looking closely at the hand in question, which, having transferred the dime to the pencil vender's pocket, was again outstretched.

"Yes, that is what I call very good work."

"Good work!" repeated the lady in surprise. "What do you mean?"

Without replying in words her companion proceeded to give an illustration. Stripping off his glove, he held his right hand cupped under a rivulet streaming from the roof and got a little pool of water in it. Then he said to the man:

"I'll buy one of your pencils if you have good ones. Let me see one."

Selecting a pencil, the vender handed it out, still keeping his eyes closed.

With his left hand the gentleman seized the man's wrist, and quickly applying the water held in his palm rubbed the black marks vigorously while his companion gazed in amazement. Before the man could wrench himself away every mark was gone. Not a scratch or a crack of the skin was apparent. The skin was wrinkled a little, but coarse and sound as leather.

"I thought so," said the gentleman, forcing the pencil man, who had now opened his eyes and was struggling to get away, back against the wall. "Now give back that dime and get out unless you want to be arrested as an impostor. No words now," as the fellow started to remonstrate. "You can't afford to be seen in a police court. You might be recognized."

Dropping the dime to the ground, the fellow straightened his back, shook off his palsy and put for the corner at a speed that would have done credit to an athlete.

"What on earth does it all mean?" the lady asked her companion.

"It means that that man is a fakir, and that he has usurped one of the privileges of your sex in bringing art to the aid of nature," was the reply. "Let him do it to disfigure instead of to beautify. I have heard of beggars who painted scars on themselves for sympathy, and when you called my attention to this chap's hands, and his hands' chaps I recognized a case of it."

"Just before election," he continued, "some political work took me about the lodging houses in the lower east side, and I saw there an instance where the artist was more realistic than this one. Going into a 10 cent lodging place near Chatham square, I saw an apparent cripple sitting in a corner working at his hands with a nail.

As cleaning of finger nails is not a favorite occupation in that locality, I watched the cripple and discovered that he was making long scratches on the back of his hands with the nail. In great surprise I asked another lodger for an explanation.

"Oh, that's Tenpenny Jack," said the man I appealed to. "He's working the spike. He does that every night."

"Does he do it for fun?" I inquired.

"For no eye," replied my informant. "He does it for the dough. There's the chappin' marks he's making. He takes them man's out an' shakes 'em, an' all the ladies gives up their good coin. See? It's the greatest graft in the biz, on'y they ain't many as can stan it. But Tenpenny Jack's hands is so tough you can't hurt 'em, an' he has tough work gittin' any blood to come. Now he's just finishin' off the job."

"As the man said, Tenpenny Jack was nearly through 'workin' the spike.' He examined his hands critically, gave a pick here and a jab there, lengthened out a scratch a little, and then shoving the nail into his pocket went out whistling. I thought as I followed him that if any beggar ever earned his money he did."

"—New York Sun.

Man Always Was a Career.

History does not treat of a time when carving was not apparently well known. Tradition does not appear to approach much nearer to its genesis. Carvings were well executed during the period of man's early occupation of the caves of Europe, and most persons who have familiarized themselves with archaeological research know the figures of fish or seal engraved on the canine teeth of large carnivora, and the bear, reindeer, mink ox, horse, mammoth and other animals carved on reindeer horn implements or on plates of ivory, the figures of the animals being at times cut fully in the round and found in the lowest strata of the caves under many feet of cave earth and stalagmite and associated with the bones of a quaternary and at times an arctic fauna. The similarity of much of this cave work with much of the Eskimo production of the present day has given rise to innumerable theories concerning a common origin for both people.—American Anthropologist.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

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JUDGE CALDWELL TALKS.

Says the Santa Fe Will Soon Be Out of Receiver's Hands.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 28.—Judge H. C. Caldwell, of the United States Court of Civil Appeals, is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Martin. His celebrated decision in the Union Pacific strike cases, which was published extensively all over the country in the newspapers, will be remembered as one of the most important features of a question that at the time attracted such widespread attention in this country.

The judge was asked if he had anything to say upon the labor question, and in relation to strikes. He replied that it was a question that he did not care to discuss, but he hoped congress would soon take some action that would result in creating more harmonious relations between labor and capital.

When asked about the financial condition and future outlook for the Santa Fe road, for which he appointed receivers, he replied that the question was a conundrum which he would not undertake to unravel, but that the proper committee was at work in Boston and New York upon the affairs of the road, and that a report would be made. Judge Caldwell said that he was of the opinion that financially the affairs of the Santa Fe railroad system would be arranged satisfactorily with a view to the preservation of everybody's interests, and that the road would be taken out of the hands of the receivers and restored to the company. Just when this could be done, he would not undertake to say; it would not be done immediately, as the measure would involve matters of vast magnitude. There were some \$200,000,000 of debts to be disposed of.

In speaking of receiverships in general Judge Caldwell remarked that it was not now as formerly so much a matter to be desired by a railroad to go into the hands of a receiver. There was not much profit in it to the stockholders as in the past.

It used to be the case that a railroad would frequently be desirous for receivers to be appointed and for this there were several reasons. One of these was that when a railroad was formerly operated and became burdened with debts, which the last became too oppressive, all the operators of the railroad had to do was to skin out of these debts by rushing into the arms of a receiver.

Another snap which a railroad in receiver's hands formerly had was with regard to the payment of taxes. It was then customary for the railroad to use its own pleasure to the time taxes should be paid and apparently whether they should be paid at all or not. Then a railroad in the hands of a receiver seems to have held itself above the law of the state and run its trains to suit itself. Another thing was that in those days when a railroad went into the hands of a receiver no suit could be brought against it except through the court in which the receiver had been appointed. So, if a railroad was 300 miles long and a citizen was injured by it in person or property, he must go to the Florida Athletic club in which he had been appointed to obtain redress at whatever expense or inconvenience.

But it was different now, a citizen can bring a suit against a railroad in any county through which the railroad passes. A point upon which Judge Caldwell spoke was with reference to the right of people who supplied material and labor for the construction of a railroad. It has been his ruling that equity demands that the laborers, contractors for materials, etc., have a prior right to the mortgage holders and that their right to be paid for their material and labor must be respected.

Judge Caldwell will leave Friday in a special car over the Santa Fe for Galveston and will return to Fort Worth on Sunday. His next court will be held in St. Louis.

CAN'T USE KINETOSCOPE.

Corbett's Manager Says It Would Be Unavailable for a Finish Fight.

New York, Dec. 28.—Corbett's manager, Wm. A. Brady, said last night: "If the Florida Athletic club is unable to pull off the fight, we are willing to accept any reasonable offer the kinetoscope people may make for a fight in America, but I understand Mr. Edison says he does not want the fight. Therefore, I can't see why Fitzsimmons keeps harping about it. Fitzsimmons has never had any experience with kinetoscopes, while Corbett and I have."

"Furthermore, in its present condition the kinetoscope would be absolutely useless for a finish fight. A kinetoscope round is limited to a minute and a half. Under the Marquis of Queensberry rules a round lasts three minutes."

Mr. Edison hopes to perfect the kinetoscope so that it can be regulated to suit any time, but it may take him a long time to do so, and Fitz and Corbett might be grayheaded before he succeeded.

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